



Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency  
EMS System Policies and Procedures

<b>Policy:</b>	<b>Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization</b>	<b>#261.00</b>
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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.56; 1797.210 and; 1797.220. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100169(b)(7).

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Agency" means the Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Mobile Intensive Care Nurse" or "MICN" means a registered nurse who is functioning pursuant to Section 2725 of the Business and Professions Code who has been authorized by the Medical Director of the Tuolumne County EMS Agency as qualified to issue instructions to pre-hospital emergency medical care personnel within the Tuolumne County EMS System according to standardized procedures developed by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for issuing MICN authorization in the Tuolumne County EMS System in accordance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 and Title 22, California Code of Regulations.

IV. POLICY

- A. In order to be eligible for MICN authorization in the Tuolumne County EMS System an individual shall:
1. Possess a valid and current California Registered Nurse's License;
  2. Possess a valid MICN course completion record from an Agency approved MICN course or from another MICN course which substantial meets the requirements of an Agency approved course;
  3. Possess current American Heart Association (AHA) Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification.
  4. Apply to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency for authorization within two years of MICN course completion;
  5. Complete a statement stating that the individual applying for accreditation is not precluded from authorization to practice as an MICN for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code;
  6. Pay an authorization processing fee established by the Board of Supervisors;

7. Successfully complete an orientation of the Tuolumne County EMS System;
  8. Successfully complete a supervised pre-authorization evaluation to consist of no more than ten (10) ALS base contacts;
  9. Possess course completion certificates for OES Region IV Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Hospital Operations or agree to obtain such training within six (6) months of applying for accreditation.
  10. Demonstrate knowledge and competency of those skills and medications which are part of the Tuolumne County EMT-P expanded scope of practice.
  11. Successfully pass with a score of 80% or higher an examination of the Tuolumne County EMS Agency Advanced Life Support Treatment Protocols.
- B. The medical director shall evaluate any candidate who fails to successfully complete the evaluation or the ALS Protocol Examination or demonstrate knowledge and competency of the expanded scope of practice and recommend further evaluation or training as required, or take other license review action deemed necessary in accordance with the provisions of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 6.
- C. In order to be eligible for MICN re-authorization in the Tuolumne County EMS System an individual shall:
1. Maintain State of California Licensure as a registered nurse;
  2. Maintain certification in ACLS;
  3. Complete 20 hours of Emergency Medical continuing education as follows:
    1. "Twelve (12) hours of approved continuing education relating specifically to Emergency Medicine (a list of approved C.E. is listed in appendix A)"; and
    2. Four (4) hours of organized field care audits/Base Station Meetings (i.e. Tape reviews). Two (2) hours must be attained within Tuolumne County; and
    3. Four (4) hours of observation time with a Tuolumne County ALS ambulance. A completed MICN ride along evaluation form must be submitted to EMS.
  4. Apply for MICN re-authorization before the expiration date of their current MICN Authorization;
  5. Pay the re-authorization processing fee.
- D. The Tuolumne County EMS Agency shall notify individuals applying for authorization of the decision to authorize within thirty (30) days of submission of a complete application packet.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. Registered nurses desiring to be authorized as MICNs in the Tuolumne County EMS System shall complete and submit to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency in person or via U.S. Mail:
1. A completed Tuolumne County EMS Agency Application for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization;

2. A photocopy of their current State of California Registered Nurse License;
  3. A photocopy of their State of California Driver's License or Identification Card;
  4. A photocopy of a valid MICN course completion record from an Agency approved MICN course or from another MICN course which substantial meets the requirements of an Agency approved course;
  5. Proof of course completion for OES Region IV Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Hospital Operations or a signed statement agreeing to obtain such training within six (6) months of applying for authorization;
  6. Proof of ACLS certification;
  7. Payment of the authorization processing fee.
- B. An MICN who has completed the requirements of paragraph A above may work as an MICN, for an approved Tuolumne County Base Hospital pending completion of the authorization process, as-long-as the individual is working with and under the direct supervision of a Tuolumne County Authorized MICN.
- C. MICNs desiring to be re-authorized as MICNs in the Tuolumne County EMS System shall submit to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency in person or via U.S. Mail:
1. A completed Tuolumne County EMS Agency Application for Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization;
  2. A photocopy of their current State of California Registered Nurse License;
  3. A photocopy of their State of California Driver's License or Identification Card;
  4. A photocopy of their current MICN authorization card;
  5. Proof of completing required pre-hospital EMS continuing education;
  6. Proof of ACLS certification;
  7. Payment of the re-authorization processing fee.
- D. Individuals who apply for re-authorization after their MICN authorization has lapsed, the individual shall complete the requirements of subsection IV, C, above, as well as:
1. For lapses of more than six months, but less than twelve months, complete an additional 3 hours of approved EMS continuing education;
  2. For lapses of more than twelve months, but less than twenty-four months, complete additional 6 hours of approved EMS continuing education and pass the written examination required for initial MICN Authorization.
  3. For lapses greater than twenty-four months the individual shall complete an entire MICN course and all requirements for initial MICN Authorization.